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Annual Report of Town Officers
Year Ended December 31, 2004

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS

		Term	Exp. Date
Board of Selectmen:	Jeremy Elliott	3 yrs	2005
	Marjorie L. Robitzer	3 yrs.	2006
	Albert Boutin, Jr.	3 yrs.	2007
Moderator:	Gilbert Richardson	2 yrs.	2006
Town Clerk:	Michael Stiebitz	1 yr.	2005
Treasurer:	Richard Dickenson	1 yr.	2005
Auditor:	Robert Steel	1 yr.	2005
Tax Collector:	Sharon Edwards	1 yr.	2005
Supervisors of the Checklist:	Tracy Cimikowski	3 yrs	2005
	Penny Chicoine	3 yrs	2006
	Arthur Christopher	3 Yrs.	2007
Surveyors of Wood & Lumber:	Joseph Boutin, Jr.	1 yr.	2005
Ballot Clerk:	Steven Saffo	1 yr.	2005
Ballot Inspector:	Maxine Tyler	1 yr.	2005
Trustees of the Trust Funds:	Daniel Elliott	3 yrs.	2005
	Jeffrey Elliott	3 yrs.	2006
	Martin Noble	3 yrs.	2007
Planning Board:	Jeffrey Elliott	5 yrs.	2005
	John Richwagen	5 yrs	2006
	Kenneth Kealey	5 yrs.	2007
	Richard Saffo, Sr.	5 yrs.	2008
	Jeremy Elliott -	Ex Officio Member	
Sexton:	Phillip Chicoine	1 Yr.	2005
	Marty Noble - Assistant	1 Yr.	2005
Police Officer:	Stefan Cimikowski - appointed by Selectmen		
Emergency Management	Stefan Cimikowski - appointed by Selectmen		

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

GRAFTON SS

MARCH 8, 2005

TOWN OF BENTON

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BENTON QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE BENTON COMMUNITY BUILDING IN SAID BENTON ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF MARCH NEXT, THE 8TH, AT SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING TO VOTE AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

ARTICLE 1 TO CHOOSE A TOWN CLERK, A TREASURER, A TAX COLLECTOR, AN AUDITOR, A BALLOT CLERK, A BALLOT INSPECTOR, A SEXTON, AN ASSISTANT TO THE SEXTON, A SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND LUMBER FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR, A SELECTMAN FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS, A TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS, A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, AND ANY OTHER AGENTS OR OFFICERS NECESSARY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

ARTICLE 2 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND AGENTS AS PRINTED.

ARTICLE 3 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,000 TO FINISH THE RE-WIRING OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING. THIS SUM TO BE ADDED TO THE BALANCE OF THE SPECIAL FUND VOTED IN AS ARTICLE 5 OF MARCH 2002 TOWN MEETING.

THE SELECTMEN RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 4 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$3,000 TO BE RESERVED IN A NON-LAPSING, SPECIAL ACCOUNT TOWARD A RE-VALUATION FUND WHEN IT IS DEMANDED BY THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

THE SELECTMEN RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE.

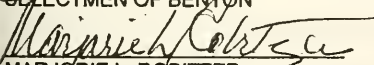
ARTICLE 5 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO WITHDRAW \$20,000 FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR ROADS, TO BE USED TO RE-BUILD THE BRIDGE ON TUNNEL STREAM ROAD AT THE CROSSING ON DAVIS BROOK.

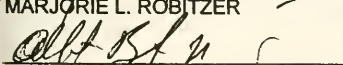
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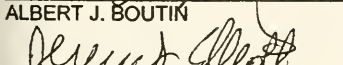
ARTICLE 6 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$74,827 FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS.

THE SELECTMEN RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE.

A TRUE COPY - ATTEST
SELECTMEN OF BENTON


MARJORIE L. ROBITZER


ALBERT J. BOUTIN


JEREMY A. ELLIOTT

BUDGET AND SUMMARY ANALYSIS
Estimate of Revenue

Sources of Revenue	Est. 2004	Rec. 2004	Est. 2005
Yield Taxes	\$3,500	\$4,600	\$5,000
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	3,000	7,162	4,000
Motor Vehicle Registrations	35,000	45,598	40,000
Building & Other Permits	200	261	200
White Mountain Nat'l Forest	25,000	29,272	27,000
State of New Hampshire			
Shared Revenue	1,600	1,605	1,600
Rooms & Meals Tax	9,000	10,574	9,500
Highway Block Grant	11,150	11,150	11,977
Income From Trust Funds	225	159	160
Dog Licenses & Fines	400	395	400
Interest on Deposits	500	333	450
Totals	\$89,575	\$111,109	\$100,287

BUDGET AND SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Estimate of Expenditures

Category	Approp.	Expend Proposed	
Selectmen & Expenses	\$1,500	\$1,453	\$1,600
Elections	1,800	1,588	600
Financial Administration	6,500	5,074	7,000
Brite Side - Computer Program	6,600	6,600	
Legal Expenses	1,000		1,000
Planning & Zoning	200		200
Community Building	2,500	2,660	2,800
Cemeteries	900	759	900
Insurance & Bonds	2,100	1,971	2,100
Regional Associations	900	862	900
Police Protection	3,300	2,524	3,450
Dispatch - Grafton Cty. Sheriff's Dept.	1,000	1,044	1,175
Ambulance	3,069	3,069	3,298
Fire Protection	2,500	2,500	2,500
Roads	35,000	34,876	35,000
Social Services	2,400	1,200	2,400
Capital Reserve Fund for Roads	5,000	5,000	5,000
Interest	500		500
Assessing	1,000	1,080	1,400
Unemployment, Soc. Sec. & Medicare		509	604
Mowing Roadside			2,000
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Totals	\$77,769	\$72,769	\$74,427
Wiring Fund in Non-lapsing Account	\$1,375.00		
Cemetery Fund in Non-lapsing Account	\$1,183.10		
Warrant Article 3	\$2,000.00		
Warrant Article 4	\$3,000.00		

If passed - Proposed Budget would be

\$79,427

Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures

Approp. Expended Unexpended Overdraft

Selectmen & Expenses	\$1,500	\$1,453	47
Elections	1,800	1,588	212
Financial Administration	13,100	11,674	1,426
Legal Expenses	1,000		1,000
Planning & Zoning Boards	200		200
Community Building	2,500	2,660	160
Cemeteries	900	759	141
Insurance & Bonds	2,100	1,971	129
Regional Organizations	900	862	38
Police Protection	3,300	2,524	776
Dispatch, Grafton Co. Sheriff's Dept.	1,000	1,044	44
Ambulance Service	3,069	3,069	
Social Services	2,400	1,200	1,200
Fire Protection	2,500	2,500	
Roads	35,000	34,876	124
Capital Reserve Funds	5,000	5,000	
Interest	500		500
Assessing	1,000	1,080	80
Unemployment Ins. Soc. Sec & Medicare		509	509

Totals \$77,769 \$72,769 \$5,793 \$793

Treasurer's Report

Received from Tax Collector:

Property taxes (Year 2001)	\$9,667.66	
Interest and costs	3,697.94	
Total 2001		\$13,365.60

Property taxes (Year 2002)	\$8,510.23	
Interest and costs	2,419.69	
Total 2002		\$10,929.92

Property taxes (Year 2003)	\$46,483.83	
Interest and costs	1,831.90	
Total 2003		\$48,315.73

Property taxes (Year 2004)	\$143,983.24	
Interest	0.20	
Overpaid taxes	394.61	
Total 2004		\$144,378.05

Prepayments for Year 2005		\$340.71
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Yield Tax Collections		\$1,297.54
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Total from Tax Collector		\$218,627.55
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Received from the Town Clerk:

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$45,418.00	
Motor Vehicle Transfers	180.00	
Vital Statistics - St. of New Hampshire	13.00	
Dog Licenses issued	374.00	
Dog License Fines & Penalties	18.00	
Marriage Licenses	38.00	

Total from Town Clerk		\$46,041.00
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Less Bank Charge for Handling Bad Check		(\$5.00)
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Treasurer's Report (cont'd)

Received from the Selectmen:

Pistol Permits	\$70.00
Building Permits	150.00
Division Permit	5.00
C. U. Filing Fee	16.37
Hall Rental	20.00
Trustees of the Trust Fund	158.59
Beautify Benton Committee (Reinb. Elect)	100.00

Total from Selectmen \$519.96

Received from State & Federal Sources

St. of N. H. - Revenue Sharing	\$1,605.00
St. of N. H. - Hwy. Block Grant	11,149.84
St. of N. H. - Rooms & Meals Tax	10,574.29
U.S. Dept. of Ag., Forest Service	29,272.00

Total Received from State & Federal Sources \$52,601.13

Total receipts for 2002	\$317,784.64
Cash on hand as of 1/1/01	271,745.67
Bank interest	333.58
Less Selectmen's orders for 2001	\$275,719.30

Year-end Total Cash **\$314,144.59**

Acct. 30502 - Yield Account:

Cash on hand - 1/1/04	\$7,915.53
Interest	34.05
DEPOSITS	6174.51

Year-end Yield Acct. Balance 14124.09

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Dickenson, Treasurer

Detailed Statement of Payments By The Selectmen

Selectmen:

Salaries:	Jeremy Elliott	\$400.00
	Marjorie L. Robitzer	600.00
	Albert J. Boutin, Jr.	400.00
Expenses:	Notices	53.00

\$1,453.00

Elections and Registrations:

Notices (3)	\$159.00
Michael Stiebitz	196.00
Arthur Christopher	183.00
Tracy Cimikowski	171.00
Penny Chicoine	183.00
Maxine Tyler	168.00
Shawn McKean	60.00
Jeremy Elliott	54.00
Steven Saffo	42.00
Gilbert Richardson	120.00
Albert J. Boutin, Jr.	72.00
Marjorie Robitzer	180.00

\$1,588.00

Financial Administration:

Salaries:	Richard Dickenson, Treas.	\$400.00
	Robert Steel, Auditor	100.00
	Michael Stiebitz, Town Clerk	400.00
	Sharon Edwards, Tax Collector	400.00
	Joseph Boutin, Jr. Timber Overseer	200.00
	Phillip Chicoine, Sexton	500.00
	Stefan Cimikowski, Police Chief	50.00
Town Clerk Fees:	Michael Stiebitz	202.00
Animal Control:	Geo. Cataldo & L. Smith	368.64
Tuck Press:	Notices	159.00
	Town Report	508.00
Briteside Assessing System:		6600.00
Assessing New Construction & Updates:		1080.00
Cemeteries:		758.69
General Office Expenses:		1833.87

13560.20

Detailed Statement of Payments (cont'd)

Community Building:

Telephone	393.32
Electric	767.37
Oil Burner - Cleaning & Maint. plus Fuel Oil pre-pay	1499.00

\$2,659.69

Insurance and Bonds:

\$1,970.91

Regional Associations:

N.H. Assoc. Of Assessing Officials:	\$20.00
N.H. Municipal Assoc.	519.00
North Country Council	282.49
N.H. Assoc. Of Tax Collectors	20.00
N.H. Town Clerks Assoc.	20.00

\$861.49

Police Account

Gall's - Police Equipment	\$225.98
N.H. Chiefs of Police Assoc.	100.00
Vehicle Costs	1800.00
Training Session Expenses	237.60
Radio Callibration	30.00
Tac-2 Communications - Police Radio	80.00

\$2,473.58

Grafton Co. Sheriff's Dept. - Dispatch Service:

\$1,043.80

Ambulance Service:

\$3,068.60

Fire Protection

Twin Mountain Mutual Aid	\$1,000.00
Haverhill Corner Fire Co.	750.00
North Haverhill Fire Co.	750.00

\$2,500.00

Roads:

Regular Maintenance	\$28,277.00
Materials and Supplies (Salt, Sand, Poly, Etc.)	6,599.37

\$34,876.37

Social Services:

North Country Home Health	300.00
Tri-County Community Action	300.00
Grafton County Sr. Citizens Council	300.00
White Mountain Mental Health	300.00

\$1,200.00

Taxes Bought By The Town:

\$9,084.40

Deposited to Capital Reserve Fund For Roads:

\$5,000.00

State of New Hampshire:

Vital Records	\$51.00
Animal Population Control	155.00

\$206.00

County Tax:

\$24,565.00

Schools:

\$168,458.12

Internal Revenue Service

\$424.88

Unemployment Tax:

St. of N.H.	Federal Gov.	24.80
Federal Government		58.90

\$83.70

Abatements & Refunds

\$869.61

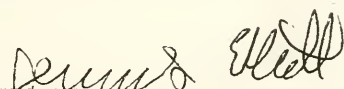
Checks Deducted from Bank Balance

\$47.50

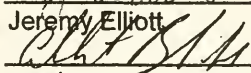
Total

\$275,994.85

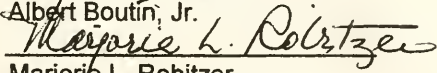
Selectmen of Benton:



Jeremy Elliott



Albert Boutin, Jr.



Marjorie L. Robitzer

TOWN OF BENTON
Tax Collector's Report - 2004

Year 2004

	Cr.	Dr.
Taxes Committed This Year:		
Property Taxes		\$179,146.14
Taxes Prepaid for year 2005		340.71
Interest - Late Tax		0.20
Yield taxes		3,491.32
Overpayment of year 2004 taxes		394.61
Property Tax Abatements Made		10.00
Taxes Collected & Sent to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$143,983.24	
Taxes Prepaid for year 2005	340.71	
Interest - Late Tax	0.20	
Property Tax Abatements Made	10.00	
Overpayment of year 2004 taxes	394.61	
Yield Taxes	1,297.54	

SubTotal	\$146,026.30	

Taxes Uncollected at Year-end	\$37,356.68	
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Totals	\$183,382.98	\$183,382.98

Year 2003

	Cr	Dr
Taxes Uncollected at Beginning of Year		\$46,483.83
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Costs		1,041.08
Costs & Interest Incurred before Liens		1,831.90
Taxes Collected & Sent to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$37,399.43	
Interest & Costs	2,872.98	
Conversion to lien	9,084.40	

Totals	\$49,356.81	\$49,356.81
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TOWN OF BENTON
Tax Collector's Report - 2004 (Cont'd)

	Cr.	Dr.
Year 2003		
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$10,125.48
Remitted to Treasurer		
Unredeemed Liens Bal. at End of Year	10,125.48	
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Totals	\$10,125.48	\$10,125.48
Year 2002		
Unredeemed Liens Bal. at Beginning of Year		\$13,951.87
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution		1,067.81
Remitted to Treasurer		
Redemptions	\$8,510.23	
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	1,067.81	
Unredeemed Liens Bal. at End of Year	5,441.64	
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Totals	\$15,019.68	\$15,019.68
Year 2001		
Unredeemed Liens Bal. at Beginning of Year		\$9,667.66
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution		5,049.82
Remitted to Treasurer		
Redemptions	\$9,667.66	
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	5,049.82	
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Totals	\$14,717.48	\$14,717.48

TOWN OF BENTON
Report of the Town Clerk - 2004

Motor Vehicle Permits issued: (404)	\$46,177.00
Dog Licenses Issued & Fines Collected (56/0):	401.00
Marriage licenses Issued (1)	45.00
Record Searches (2)	24.00
Fines/Penalties	18.00

Total Collected by Town Clerk	\$46,665.00
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Motor Vehicle Permits	\$45,598.00
Dog Licenses Issued & Fines Collected:	374.00
Marriage licenses issued	38.00
Record Searches	13.00
Fines/Penalties	18.00

Total Submitted to Treas.	\$46,041.00
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Motor Vehicle Permits	\$579.00
Dog Licenses Issued & Fines Collected:	27.00
Marriage licenses issued	7.00
Record Searches	11.00

Total Retained by Town Clerk	\$624.00
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Michael P. Stiebitz - Town Clerk

Notes From the Town Clerk's Office

2004 saw many activities take place in the town. Two Primary elections culminated in a record voter turnout in November. After the General Election, we now have a total of 226 voters, and just about 80% of them voted. (The New Hampshire average was around 69%)

In May, the Cemetery Committee organized a volunteer day to work on the High Street Cemetery which had become somewhat overgrown. Before work could begin, a new bridge, built and delivered by Marty Noble, was placed across the brook by Dan Elliott using his new excavator. Afterwards, a crew of volunteers led by Lyn Bandy worked clearing brush until the cemetery was recognizable again. Hopefully, the new bridge will supply easy access for the future volunteer efforts needed to maintain this often neglected part of Benton's history.

During the year, we have been the lucky recipients of several pieces of custom made furniture for the Town Building. Dick Dickenson constructed several sets of shelving to store and display the many books and reference material which had been previously kept in boxes. These shelves can be seen up on the stage at the back of the building. He also responded to a request for mouse proof storage of our collection of maps and charts. We are now able to catalog and protect some of our rolled documents in a secure map case, which is also located on the stage. We would like to thank Dick for answering the call.

A more in-depth historical look at Coventry/Benton was published this year by E. A. Nutt. He graciously offered a portion of the proceeds of the sale of the book to the Town to help continue the restoration work in our cemeteries.

We would also like to recognize the "Beautify Benton Committee" for organizing the Memory Tree" campaign which serves to honor our deceased friends and loved ones. The most visible result was the beautiful, brightly lit balsam fir in front of the Town Building. In addition, the committee donated money to pay for the illumination. The groups funds are raised by the "Memory Tree" campaign as well as bake sales and community suppers. When it was determined that the cook stove in the Community Building wasn't up to the task, Bruce Elliott stepped forward and donated a new electric range. The Committee donated funds for the electrical installation and the Town now has updated cooking facilities. The Committee also placed balsam wreaths at three of our cemeteries to mark the season. Our town certainly appreciated the efforts!

Last, but not least, our thanks go out to our anonymous wreath donor who, once again, decorated the Town Building this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael P. Stiebitz - Town Clerk

Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the year ending December 31, 2004

Funds donated to the Town of Benton are in the custody of the Trustees. Donations are distributed as specified by the donors. Funds received during the year are deposited in a savings account until they can be transferred to a Certificate of Deposit. Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank in Woodsville, N.H. holds all funds.

Year 2004 Donations	
R & N Dickenson	\$400.00
Ed and Irene Matz	160.00

Status of the Funds is as follows:

Principal Amt. of Cemetery Trust Fund, CD #708716	\$11,132.92
Savings Acct. #617453	\$650.00
Capital Reserve Fund - Highways (int. incl)	\$35,766.34
Capital Reserve Fund - Fires (int. incl)	\$4,370.03
Capital Reserve Fund - School (int. incl)	\$95,398.94

Distributions at the end of 2004 from Cemetery Trust Fund

For cemetery use	\$108.73
For the schools	\$26.22
For the highway account	\$23.64
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Total	\$158.59

Respectfully submitted
Daniel Elliott
Jeffrey Elliott
Martin Noble

Schedule of Non-Taxable Property

Town of Benton:

Crowther Lot	Map 2, Lot 52	0.3 acres	\$5,500
Addition Parker Field	Map 1, Lot 114	1.3 acres	10,200
Mountain View Cemetery	Map 1, Lot 113	0.9 acres	10,200
High Street Cemetery	Map 6, Lot 4	0.3 acres	500
East Cemetery	Map 1, Lot 29	0.3 acres	300
Old Town Hall Lot	Map 1, Lot 126	0.05 acres	5,200

Benton Town Hall, Land & Building	Map 1, Lot 18	0.2 acres	\$71,900
Benton Bible Chapel	Map 1, Lot 49	1.4 acres	\$211,300
Benton Bible Chapel Parsonage	Map 1, Lot 58	1.7 acres	\$94,300
No. Benton Union Soc.	Map 1, Lot 32	0.7 acres	\$8,500

State of New Hampshire:

LaBounty Home	Map 6, Lot 3	0.45 acres	\$44,300
Glenclyff Home	Map 6, Lot 7	107.0 acres	8,093,700
State Forest Division	Map 6, Lot 7	401.0 acres	179,000

United States Dept. of Agriculture:

U.S. Forest Service	W.M.N.F.	23,658.8 acres	\$10,646,500
Totals		24,174.7 acres	\$19,381,400

TOWN OF BENTON
Summary of Inventory Valuation

Land, Improved and Unimproved:	
Under "Current Use" - 4,732.4 acres	\$265,783
Conservation Restriction - 370.1 acres	4,269
Residential Land - 2102.4 acres	4,717,300
Commercial Land - 1.1 acres	20,100
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Total 7,206.0 acres	\$5,007,452
 Tax Exempt Land - 24,174.7 acres	 \$11,032,300
 Tax Exempt Buildings	 \$8,339,700
Housing:	
Residential and Allied Buildings	\$8,113,700
Manufactured Housing	767,300
Commercial Buildings	21,200
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Total	\$8,902,200
 Public Utilities	 \$1,045,407
 Total Assessments:	 \$14,955,059
Less Elderly Exemptions (5)	15,000
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Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed	\$14,940,059
Less Public Utilities	1,045,407
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Net Valuation on which tax rate for State	
Education tax is computed	\$13,894,652
Less Veteran's Exemptions	\$650
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Final Total of Inventory Valuation	\$13,894,002
 State Education Tax @ \$3.85	 Town Tax @ \$.00
Local Education Tax Rate @ \$6.82	
County Tax @ \$1.63	
 Total Tax Commitment	 \$179,087

TOWN MEETING - BENTON, N.H.

MARCH 9, 2004

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00PM BY THE MODERATOR. SHAWN MCKEAN.

MOTION TO RECESS TO SCHOOL MEETING. RECONVENED AT 7:12 PM.

ARTICLE 1 TO CHOOSE A TOWN CLERK, A TREASURER, A TAX COLLECTOR, AN AUDITOR, A BALLOT CLERK, A BALLOT INSPECTOR, A SEXTON, AN ASSISTANT TO THE SEXTON, AND A SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND LUMBER FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR, A MODERATOR FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, A SELECTMAN. FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS. A TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS. TWO SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST AND TWO TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS. FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS. A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS. AND ANY OTHER AGENTS OR OFFICERS NECESSARY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

THE FOLLOWING TOWN OFFICERS WERE ELECTED (BY THE TOWN CLERK OR MODERATOR CASTING ONE BALLOT AFTER A VOICE VOTE):

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - 3 YEAR TERM	ALBERT BOUTIN, JR.
TOWN CLERK - 1 YEAR TERM	MICHAEL P STIEBITZ
TREASURER - 1 YEAR TERM	RICHARD A. DICKENSON
TAX COLLECTOR - 1 YEAR TERM	SHARON EDWARDS
AUDITOR - 1 YEAR TERM	ROBERT STEEL
BALLOT CLERK 1 YEAR TERM	STEVEN SAFFO
BALLOT INSPECTOR - 1 YEAR TERM	MAXINE TYLER
SEXTON - 1 YEAR TERM	PHILIP CHICOINE
SEXTON ASSISTANT - 1 YEAR TERM	MARTIN NOBLE
SURVEYOR OF WOOD & LUMBER - 1 YEAR TERM	JOSEPH BOUTIN, JR.
MODERATOR - 2 YEAR TERM	GILBERT RICHARDSON
TRUST FUND TRUSTEE - 3 YEAR TERM	MARTIN NOBLE
CHECKLIST SUPERVISOR - 3 YEAR TERM	ARTHUR CHRISTOPHER
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER - 5 YEAR TERM	RICHARD SAFFO. SR.
OTHER AGENTS AS NEEDED	NONE REQUIRED

ARTICLE 2 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND AGENT: AS PRINTED.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND AGENTS AS PRINTED AND PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE.

TOWN MEETING (CONT'D)

ARTICLE 3 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,000 TO BE USED TO REPLACE POSTS AND GUARDRAILS ACROSS DAVIS BROOK ON TUNNEL STREAM ROAD. THIS SUM OF MONEY WHICH WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR, BUT NEVER USED, LAPSED INTO THE GENERAL FUND, AS IS SPECIFIED BY LAW, WHEN IT WAS NOT USED DURING THE YEAR IT WAS VOTED IN. THIS ARTICLE WOULD BE TO ESTABLISH A NON-LAPSING FUND IN ORDER TO GET THIS WORK DONE WITH MONEY TO BE TAKEN FROM THE FUND BALANCE.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THIS ARTICLE AND DISCUSSION BEGAN. THE GENERAL CONSENSUS WAS THAT THE BRIDGE NEEDS MORE THAN JUST A GUARD RAIL REPLACEMENT. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE ARTICLE SHOULD BE RECESSED UNTIL A LATER DATE TO GIVE THE SELECTMEN TIME TO BETTER ACCESS THE SITUATION AND DEVELOP POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. THE MOTION TO ACCEPT WAS WITHDRAWN AND A MOTION TO RECESS THE ARTICLE WAS MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE.

THE SELECTMEN AGREED TO WORK WITH THE ROAD AGENT TO HAVE "JERSEY BARRIERS" PLACED ALONG THE DOWNSTREAM SIDE OF THE BRIDGE FOR SAFETY IN THE MEANTIME.

ARTICLE 4 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$10,000 TO A NON-LAPSING FUND TO RE-BUILD THAT SECTION OF TUNNEL STREAM RD. FROM MAYO'S TO THE TURN-AROUND. FOUR CULVERTS NEED TO BE RE-PLACED, THE DITCH RE-BUILT, 2 TREE STUMPS REMOVED AND 18 INCHES OF GRAVEL PUT ON THE ROADBED. SHALL THIS JOB BE PUT OUT FOR BIDS?

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE ARTICLE AND DISCUSSION BEGAN. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT HIS PROJECT NEEDED MORE INVESTIGATION BEFORE A DECISION COULD BE MADE. THE MOTION TO ACCEPT WAS WITHDRAWN AND A NEW MOTION TO RECESS THIS ARTICLE WAS MADE, SECONDED AND ACCEPTED BY VOICE VOTE. THE SELECTMEN AGREED TO INVESTIGATE THE PROJECT FURTHER AND PRESENT THEIR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AT A LATER DATE.

ARTICLE 5 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO BUY THE "BRYTE SIDE" COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR ANNUAL ASSESSING WORK AT A COST OF \$6,600.

A MOTION TO ACCEPT THIS ARTICLE WAS MADE. DURING THE ENSUING DISCUSSION, IT WAS STATED THAT THIS SOFTWARE WILL SAVE THE TOWN \$3,000 PER YEAR WHICH WE WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE TO PAY TO OUR CONTRACT ASSESSORS. THE MOTION TO ACCEPT WAS SECONDED AND ACCEPTED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 6 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,000 TO BE ADDED TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR ROADS.

ARTICLE 6 WAS MOVED AND SECONDED AND ACCEPTED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 7 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$66,169 FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS. THIS SUM DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY SPECIAL OR INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES ADDRESSED.

ARTICLE 7 WAS MOVED AND SECONDED AND ACCEPTED BY A VOICE VOTE. THE TOTAL BUDGET, INCLUDING ARTICLES 5, 6 AND 7 IS NOW SET AT \$77,769.

TOWN MEETING (CONT'D)

ARTICLE 8 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS AS PROPOSED BY THE PLANNING BOARD FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON:

1. THE SMALLEST LOT PERMITTED SHALL CONTAIN NO LESS THAN FIVE (5) ACRES. (ARTICLE VI-SECTION 601)
2. ANY LOT SITUATED ON A TOWN, STATE, OR FEDERAL RIGHT OF WAY SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM FRONTAGE OF FIVE (5) HUNDRED FEET. (ARTICLE VI-SECTION 602)
3. ALL RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM OF EIGHT (8) HUNDRED SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR LIVING SPACE. (ARTICLE V-SECTION 506)

A MOTION WAS MADE TO REJECT THIS ARTICLE. LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS ENSUED ON EACH OF THE THREE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS. MANY EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT "GRANDFATHERING" OF CURRENT LOTS. THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS STATED THAT ALL CURRENT LOTS WOULD BE "GRANDFATHERED". AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, THE MOTION TO REJECT ALL THREE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WAS SECONDED AND THE ARTICLE WAS REJECTED BY A VOICE VOTE.

MICHAEL STIEBITZ - TOWN CLERK
BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 21, 2004

Vital Statistics for 2004 Benton, NH

Deaths	Died	Age
Lawrence C. Sanders (Glenclyff Home)	01/20/2004	81
Richard Gordon Chamberlin	02/07/2004	73
Father - Gordon Chamberlin		
Mother - Doris June Allyn		
Blanche Mary Huntoon (Glenclyff Home)	02/20/2004	81
Norman C. Beckley (Glenclyff Home)	04/09/2004	77
Irene Mansur (Glenclyff Home)	04/14/2004	78
Lloyd A. Mason	04/28/2004	79
Father - Clayton Mason		
Mother - Lottie Dodge Mason		
Thomas Joseph Valentino (Glenclyff Home)	05/23/2004	87
Gladys Young (Glenclyff Home)	08/15/2004	76
Lewis Arthur Merchant (Glenclyff Home)	09/03/2004	77
Leroy Roy Drew (Glenclyff Home)	09/12/2004	60
George A. Lambert (Glenclyff Home)	10/08/2004	90
Robert Snow (Glenclyff Home)	11/29/2004	67
Theodore Lilakos (Glenclyff Home)	12/19/2004	74

Marriages

June 12, 2004	Aaron White and Angela Monroe, in Glenclyff, NH
July 10, 2004	Christopher Smith and Brandy Kennedy, in Woodstock, NH

Births

May 24, 2004	Alice Phenix Nelson, daughter of Lily and David Nelson in Woodsville, NH
December 31, 2004	Emmie Seeley Weiss, daughter of Kevin and Gretchen Weiss in Woodsville, NH

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004

DISTRICT OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD

Alexandria Noble, CHAIR	Term Expires 2005
Lara Saffo	Term Expires 2006
Wayne Chevalier	Term Expires 2007

OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS

Gilbert Richardson.....	Moderator
Maxine Tyler.....	Treasurer
Robert Steel	Auditor
Michael Stiebitz	Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Bruce C. Labs

**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
March 9, 2004**

The meeting opened at: 7:01 PM.

ARTICLE 1

To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

Gilbert Richardson

ARTICLE 2

To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year

Michael Stiebitz

ARTICLE 3

To choose one School Board Member for a term of three years expiring in 2007.

Wayne Chevalier

ARTICLE 4

To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Maxine Tyler

ARTICLE 5

To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.

Robert Steel

ARTICLE 6

To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 6 was moved and seconded and accepted by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7

To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. This Article is exclusive of any other Article on the Warrant. (The school board recommends \$329,139.00)

Article 7 was moved and seconded and accepted by voice vote in the amount of \$329,139.00.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate up to twelve thousand (\$12,000) dollars to be added to the previously established Benton Tuition and Education Expendable Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2004. (The school board recommends this article.)

Article 8 was moved and seconded and accepted by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

No other business was transacted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM. All new officers were sworn in at the closing.

A true copy – Attest

Michael Stiebitz
Benton School District Clerk
Benton, NH
March 20, 2004

**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL SCHOOL WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
APRIL 26, 2004**

Time: 7:25 pm.

ARTICLE 1

To see if the District will vote to cure a procedural defect in the posting of the warrant for the March 9, 2004 annual school district meeting.

Article was moved and seconded. Article passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully,

Michael Stiebitz
School District Clerk

**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the School District of Benton in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 8th day of March 2005, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

- ARTICLE 1: To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 2: To choose a School Clerk for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 3: To choose one School Board Member, for a term of three years expiring in 2008.
- ARTICLE 4: To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 5: To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 6: To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote related thereto.
- ARTICLE 7: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. This article is exclusive of any other article on the warrant. (The school board recommends \$344,651.00)
- ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Benton this ____ day February 2005

Alexandria Noble, Chairman
Wayne Chevalier
Lara Saffo

BENTON SCHOOL BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

It gives me a great sense of pleasure to report our progress on the goals set forth in my first annual report last year. I am aware that meaningful goals take time to achieve and, while I am happy that we have begun measures and have shown some progress, I realize that there is much more to be done on each of these issues.

- We have finished the Professional Development Master Plan for SAU #23 and it has been approved by the NH Department of Education until 2007.
- We have worked hard with consultants to develop the instruction of writing for our teachers throughout the SAU. Our consultant, Diana Leddy, has been conducting a yearlong class on Teaching Writing in the Classroom with approximately 30 teachers. This should make a difference in student writing for all of our students within the SAU.
- I am pleased to say that none of the schools within our SAU have been designated as "schools in need of improvement". While I am very happy about this, it is important to realize there is no one person in any district who is responsible for this improvement, it is a collaborative effort by administrators and faculty.

The Federal Government, through "No Child Left Behind" legislation, will continue to raise the bar for standards in our schools and students. In short, what is acceptable as progress for our students today will not be good enough in the future, and we must work together for continued improvement within our school system.

- Each school in the SAU has a School Improvement Plan and each school is working to improve their areas of weakness.
- We have successfully opened King Street School as an alternative school for some of our high school students, and have expanded the size of the French Pond School Program that serves our younger students. Both of these programs help us to keep our own students within our district, which also helps to keep costs down to the taxpayers.

- The most contentious issue within our SAU has been how much each district pays for bussing students. After working on this issue for the last year and a half, I believe that we will have some very good news to announce soon that will be a win-win situation for all of our districts, and help to keep our transportation costs down.
- The SAU Gifted and Talented Committee has been meeting for about a year and a half to develop policies and tools to help in identifying and providing for gifted and talented students within the SAU. All the school boards recently accepted an evaluation tool presented by the committee.
- I have lobbied hard in Concord to try to get resources for all of the SAU school districts so we do not lose State funds we desperately need to sustain our programs and not further burden our taxpayers. We have seen some success, but more work is needed to help the legislature understand our ongoing needs. I have felt that our local elected representatives have expressed support for us in this cause. We need additional funding from the State and Federal Government, especially on previous unfunded mandates like Special Education and No Child Left Behind.

I look forward in the upcoming year to begin work in the following areas.

1. Infuse more technology within our programs. We will need significant teacher training in this area to help our students develop higher level thinking skills.
2. Update and revise our policies within all the districts in the SAU.
3. Reach out to other school districts and SAU's to establish partnerships so we might share some costs that will benefit our students.
4. Work with Math Curricula to try to improve student work in this area. I hope to earmark resources to develop the Math Curriculum in all schools at all grade levels.

I am very conscious that many of the goals we set take more than one year to accomplish. Sometimes turning a school district, and in this case the SAU, takes considerable time and effort. Therefore, we need to look at the items listed as ongoing projects.

I continue to be thankful for the work, many times behind the scenes, of the SAU Board members. These people work very hard to make our schools better, and for the most part receive little recognition for what they do.

I look forward to continued service as your Superintendent. I feel privileged to work with the Central Office staff at SAU #23, and with the staff of each of the eight schools I serve. My hope is to continue to make decisions with the interest of our students in mind. It is my intention to work in unison with the communities to try to improve our schools, if only just in small steps. The schools after all, are a reflection of the community.

I thank you for your trust in me; I will never take it for granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce C. Labs
Superintendent of Schools

HAVERHILL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
THIRD GRADE STATE ASSESSMENT SCORES

LANGUAGE ARTS

May-03				May-04			
		<u>State</u>	<u>Woodsville Elementary</u>			<u>State</u>	<u>Woodsville Elementary</u>
Advanced	A	6%	2%	Advanced	A	12%	8%
Proficient	P	31%	29%	Proficient	P	31%	20%
Basic	B	39%	36%	Basic	B	30%	34%
Novice	N	23%	31%	Novice	N	27%	38%
Not Tested	NT	0%	3%	Not Tested	NT	0%	0%

MATHEMATICS

May-03				May-04			
		<u>State</u>	<u>Woodsville Elementary</u>			<u>State</u>	<u>Woodsville Elementary</u>
Advanced	A	15%	12%	Advanced	A	15%	4%
Proficient	P	27%	22%	Proficient	P	35%	30%
Basic	B	37%	36%	Basic	B	34%	42%
Novice	N	20%	27%	Novice	N	16%	24%
Not Tested	NT	0%	3%	Not Tested	NT	0%	0%

SIXTH GRADE ASSESSMENT SCORES

LANGUAGE ARTS

May-03				May-04			
		<u>State</u>	<u>HCMS</u>			<u>State</u>	<u>HCMS</u>
Advanced	A	5%	3%	Advanced	A	9%	11%
Proficient	P	25%	20%	Proficient	P	31%	27%
Basic	B	41%	39%	Basic	B	34%	25%
Novice	N	28%	38%	Novice	N	26%	36%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%	Not Tested	NT	0%	0%

SIXTH GRADE ASSESSMENT SCORES (Cont.)

MATHEMATICS

May-03				May-04			
		<u>State</u>	<u>HCMS</u>			<u>State</u>	<u>HCMS</u>
Advanced	A	7%	2%	Advanced	A	7%	5%
Proficient	P	26%	13%	Proficient	P	26%	20%
Basic	B	41%	54%	Basic	B	40%	34%
Novice	N	26%	31%	Novice	N	27%	41%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%	Not Tested	NT	0%	0%

TENTH GRADE STATE ASSESSMENT SCORES

LANGUAGE ARTS

May-03				May-04			
		<u>State</u>	<u>WHS</u>			<u>State</u>	<u>WHS</u>
Advanced	A	7%	7%	Advanced	A	9%	10%
Proficient	P	26%	31%	Proficient	P	34%	45%
Basic	B	36%	40%	Basic	B	35%	34%
Novice	N	30%	21%	Novice	N	21%	11%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%	Not Tested	NT	1%	0%

MATHEMATICS

May-03				May-04			
		<u>State</u>	<u>WHS</u>			<u>State</u>	<u>WHS</u>
Advanced	A	6%	1%	Advanced	A	9%	6%
Proficient	P	21%	24%	Proficient	P	24%	34%
Basic	B	36%	21%	Basic	B	32%	31%
Novice	N	37%	53%	Novice	N	33%	30%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%	Not Tested	NT	2%	0%

Science and Social Studies were not tested in 2004.

Disaggregated results are available to the public at the schools and the Superintendent's office.

**REPORT OF THE BENTON SCHOOL
DISTRICT TREASURER
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2003 TO JUNE 30, 2004**

Cash on Hand, July 1, 2003	\$ 27,043.05
Total Revenues Received	272,750.40
Total School Board Orders Paid	(290,588.58)
Cash on Hand June 30, 2004	9,204.87

Maxine Tyler, School District Treasurer

**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Balance Sheet - General Fund
6-30-04**

ASSETS

Cash	9,205
RECEIVABLES	
Accounts	73,869
Intergovernmental	-
Prepaid Items	-
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	83,074

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-

Equity

Fund Balances

Reserved for Encumbrances	-
Reserved for Special Purposes	12,000
Unreserved	71,074
TOTAL EQUITY	83,074

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	83,074
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HAVERHILL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER QUALITY REPORT

Education Level Of Faculty And Administration At Each School
(In Full Time Equivalents)

	BA	BA+15	MA	MA+30
WES Teachers	6.1	10.5	4	1
WES Administration				1
HCMS Teachers	10.5	6	11.75	3
HCMS Administration			1	1
WHS Teachers	8.5	15	5.75	3
WHS Administration			2	

Number Of Teachers With Emergency/Provisional Certification

Woodsville Elementary School	1
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School	2.5
Woodsville High School	.5

Number Of Core Academic Courses Not Taught By Highly
Qualified Teachers

Woodsville Elementary School	0
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School	0
Woodsville High School	2

PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW

As a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or Legal guardian, you have the right to know:

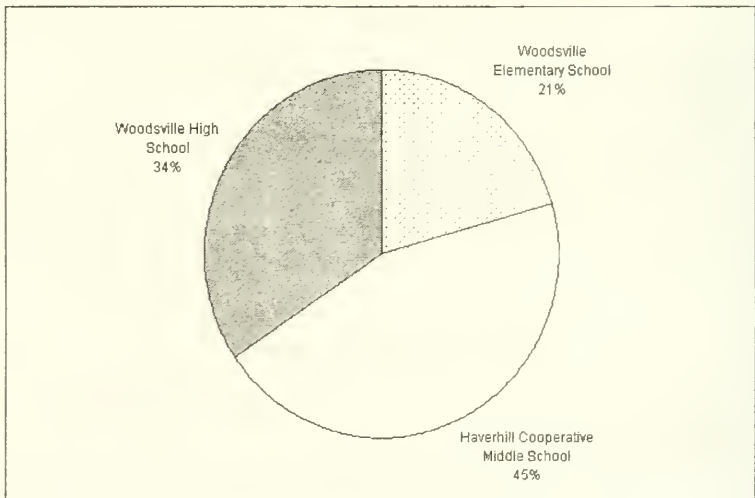
1. Who is teaching your child
2. The qualifications and experience of your child's teacher(s)

For information concerning your child's teacher(s), please contact the Superintendent's Office at:

SAU #23
2975 Dartmouth College Highway
North Haverhill, NH 03774
603-787-2113

**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
STUDENTS TUITIONED TO HAVERHILL
COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
AS OF JUNE 2004**

	<u>Total</u> <u>Students</u>	<u>Total Tuition</u> <u>Costs Per</u> <u>School</u>
Woodsville Elementary School	6	\$35,478.00
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School	13	\$84,351.38
Woodsville High School	10	\$74,512.63
King Street School	0.3	\$6,109.00
TOTAL	29.3	\$200,451.01



BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

REVENUES

		2003-2004 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2004-2005 <u>REVISED</u>	2005-2006 <u>PROJECTED</u>	<u>+/-</u>
Fund Balance		4,076	71,073	29,000	(42,073)
<u>Local</u>					
1111	District Appropriation	143,008	101,926	139,717	37,791
1510	Interest	123	100	100	-
1980	Refund from Prior Year		72	349	277
<u>State</u>					
3111	State Adequacy Grant*	101,237	79,393	109,273	29,880
3112	State Adequacy Tax*	77,413	53,495	46,955	(6,540)
3241	Vocational Education Tuition	5,405	4,181	-	(4,181)
3242	Vocational Transportation	204	142	-	(142)
<u>Federal</u>					
4580	Medicaid Reimbursement	9,394	11,000	11,500	500
4810	National Forest Reserve	7,757	7,757	7,757	-
	Transfer from Expendable Trust		-	-	-
TOTAL		348,617	329,139	344,272	15,133
	Trust Warrant Article	12,000	12,000	-	(12,000)
TOTAL BUDGET AND ARTICLES		360,617	341,139	344,651	3,512

SCHOOL TAX RATE

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>PROJECTION</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
	<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>
local property Tax Rate	\$6.82	\$9.35	\$14,940 per \$1,000
State property Tax Rate	<u>\$3.85</u>	<u>\$3.38</u>	\$13,895 per \$1,000
Total School Tax	\$10.67	\$12.73	
Increase over prior year	(\$4.81)	\$2.06	

*Adequacy funding amounts published by the State Dept of Education 11/15/04 are subject to change

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2005 - 2006

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	Expenditures	Adopted	Proposed	<u>Difference</u>
		<u>FY 03-04</u>	<u>FY 04-05</u>	<u>FY 05-06</u>	
10.6.1100.561	REGULAR TUITION/IN-STATE LEA	199,411	211,232	259,460	48,228
10.6.1200.561	SPED TUITION	11,417	58,000	29,000	(29,000)
10.6.1231.564	KING ST TUITION - PRIVATE	6,109	18,025	-	(18,025)
10.6.1300.562	VOC ED TUITION/OUT-STATE LEA	5,575	5,700	6,402	702
10.6.1430.561	SUMMER SCHOOL TUITION	<u>687</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>1,450</u>	<u>1,200</u>
subtotal tuition		223,199	293,207	296,312	3,105
10.6.2150.330	SPEECH	-	-	1,330	1,330
10.6.2162.330	PHYSICAL THERAPY	-	-	-	-
10.6.2163.330	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	4,377	2,695	5,515	2,820
10.6.2311.111	SCHOOL BOARD SALARIES	600	600	600	-
10.6.2311.220	FICA	46	47	46	(1)
10.6.2311.260	WORKERS' COMP	177	179	180	1
10.6.2311.520	PROPERTY/LIABILITY INS	1,925	2,250	1,900	(350)
10.6.2311.540	ADVERTISING	172	80	180	100
10.6.2311.640	BOOKS/PERIODICALS	37	50	51	1
10.6.2311.810	DUES/FEES	<u>691</u>	<u>735</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>65</u>
subtotal school board		3,649	3,941	3,757	(184)
10.6.2313.111	TREASURER SALARIES	200	200	200	-
10.6.2313.220	FICA	15	16	15	(1)
10.6.2313.260	WORKERS' COMP	59	60	60	-
10.6.2313.520	PROPERTY/LIABILITY INS	214	240	265	25
10.6.2313.534	POSTAGE	14	20	20	-
10.6.2313.610	SUPPLIES	<u>4</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>(25)</u>
subtotal treasurer		506	581	580	(1)
10.6.2314.111	DISTRICT MEETING SALARIES	62	64	64	-
10.6.2314.220	FICA	5	5	5	-
10.6.2314.260	WORKERS' COMP	<u>33</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>(11)</u>
subtotal district meeting		100	102	91	(11)
10.6.2317.111	AUDIT SALARIES	50	50	50	-
10.6.2317.220	FICA	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	-
subtotal audit		54	55	55	-
10.6.2318.330	LEGAL SERVICES	252	2,600	250	(2,350)
10.6.2321.310	SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES	11,013	10,211	8,561	(1,650)
10.6.2721.510	REGULAR TRANSPORTATION	16,606	15,422	17,754	2,332
10.6.2722.510	SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION	5,727	-	10,100	10,100
10.6.2723.510	VOCATIONAL TRANSPORTATION	313	325	325	-
10.6.2832.540	NH ED JOBS SUBSCRIPTION FEE	19	-	21	21
10.6.5252.930	TRANSFER TO EXPEND TRUST F	12,000	12,000	-	(12,000)
TOTALS		277,813	341,139	344,651	3,512

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS
PREVIOUS TWO FISCAL YEARS PER RSA 32:11-a

		<u>2002-2003</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>
<u>Special Education Expenses</u>			
1200	Special Programs	52,963	17,526
1430	Summer School	2,377	687
2150	Speech and Audiology	-	-
2159	Speech - Summer School	204	-
2162	Physical Therapy	1,660	-
2163	Occupational Therapy	5,425	4,377
2722	Special Transportation	5,198	5,727
Total Expenses		67,828	28,316
<u>Special Education Revenue</u>			
3110	SPED portion of State Adequacy	33,110	30,849
3230	Catastrophic Aid	-	-
4580	Medicaid	15,746	9,394
Total Revenues		48,856	40,243
District Cost for Special Education		18,972	(11,927)
<u>IDEA Entitlement Funds</u>			
	Part A - Preschool	486	486
	(Combined to fund Haverhill preschool)		
	Part B - Special Education	2,605	2,605
	(Combined to provide SAU-wide psychological services paid for through SAU 23)		

**School Administrative Unit #23
Report of the Superintendent's and
Business Administrator's Salaries**

One-half of the School Administrative Unit expenses are prorated among the school districts on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of SAU #23, during the 2004-2005 school year will receive a salary of \$80,340. There is no Assistant Superintendent or Business Administrator at SAU 23 at this time.

The table below shows the pro-ration of the salary to each school district:

Superintendent Salary		
Bath	9,239	11.50%
Benton	1,840	2.29%
Haverhill Cooperative	53,619	66.74%
Piermont	8,106	10.09%
Warren	7,536	9.38%
TOTAL	\$80,340	100%

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 PROJECTED REVENUES

2004 - 2005 2005 - 2006 +/-

LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN ASSESSMENT

1320	Tuition - French Pond	\$184,113	\$190,550	\$6,437
1321	Tuition - King Street School	\$131,325	\$144,200	\$12,875
1325	Tuition - French Pond Summer School	\$8,400	\$8,400	\$0
1950	Itinerants	\$155,544	\$241,190	\$85,646
1951	Speech/ Language	\$119,823	\$124,830	\$5,007
1990	Other local revenue (town internet line fees)		\$178	
1510	Interest	\$500	\$500	\$0
5000	Indirect Costs from SAU IDEA Grant	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
	Use of Fund Balance	<u>\$49,687</u>	<u>\$80,123</u>	<u>\$30,436</u>
	Total Other Revenue Fund I	\$654,392	\$794,971	\$140,579

1111 DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS \$445,877.00 \$445,877.00 \$0

TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES FUND 1 \$1,100,269 \$1,240,848 \$140,579

TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES FUND 2 - GRANTS 236,031 250,754 14,723

TOTAL SAU BUDGET INCLUDING GRANTS \$1,336,300 \$1,491,602 \$155,302

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 BUDGET SUMMARY 2005-06

DEPARTMENT NUMBER / DESCRIPTION	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
	APPROVED BUDGET	APPROVED BUDGET	APPROVED BUDGET
1100 ITINERANT TEACHERS	94,668	136,648	136,079
1230 FRENCH POND PROGRAM	171,607	175,735	183,608
1231 KING STREET PROGRAM		128,342	139,238
1430 FRENCH POND SUMMER SCHOOL	6,884	7,076	7,415
2120 ITINERANT GUIDANCE	18,103	18,896	27,567
2150 SPEECH/LANGUAGE	107,916	119,823	128,713
2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT			50
2220 TECHNOLOGY SUPERVISION			62,462
2311 SCHOOL BOARD	1,635	1,635	1,635
2313 DISTRICT TREASURER	2,284	2,284	2,340
2317 AUDIT	3,045	3,350	5,000
2318 LEGAL COUNSEL	500	500	500
2321 OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT	320,705	334,850	361,478
2330 SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMIN.	121,090	126,736	133,856
2540 SAU-WIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS	2,400	2,000	3,000
2620 BUILDING RENT	20,000	20,000	21,000
2640 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & INS.	8,737	3,780	4,350
2810 RESEARCH, PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT		675	675
2820 NETWORK	1,212	17,439	21,382
Financial accounting software/network upgraded to WINDOWS			
2832 RECRUITMENT ADVERTISING	1,000	500	500
TOTAL FUND 1 PROPOSED BUDGET	881,786	1,100,269	1,240,848
IDEA GRANTS	192,611	236,031	250,754
TOTAL BUDGET	1,074,397	1,336,300	1,491,602
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT COSTS	445,877	445,877	445,877
TOTAL BUDGET	1,520,274	1,782,177	1,937,479

The district shares remain the same, even though expenses increased, due to tuition revenues.



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